

House Resolution No. 806

Whereas, Kathleen "Kay" White Miles of Clinton, Missouri, has been nominated to receive the prestigious DeVerne Lee Calloway Award, a tremendous accolade given annually by the Women Legislators of Missouri in honor of Missouri's first African-American woman state representative; and

Whereas, the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award is presented to a Missouri woman who, through her commitment and determination, has made major contributions to equality and social justice by furthering legislation concerning equal opportunities for all Missourians in the areas of education, housing, employment, etc.; and

Whereas, a 1948 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Journalism, Kay White Miles currently serves as Publisher of The Clinton Daily Democrat, the very first business in Clinton to hire black employees for any type of position except custodial; and

Whereas, a remarkable woman who once tripped the light fantastic with former Vice President Spiro Agnew, Kay White Miles lived in Washington, D.C., for nine years while her husband worked for a senator from Missouri, during which time she worked for a Maryland newspaper and experienced one of this country's darkest eras marked by the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr., and Bobby Kennedy; and

Whereas, a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1956 and the acclaimed author of numerous books including "Bitter Ground", the "Henry County Scrapbook", and "How to Talk Right Around Hyar", Kay White Miles is most proud of her efforts to establish Twin Lakes Hospice and to help build a small, six-page daily newspaper purchased in 1950 into a thriving publication; and

Whereas, Kay White Miles has compiled an enviable list of service to such important organizations as the Henry County Historical Society, the Henry County Library Board, and the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which she is a fifty-year member; and

Whereas, now seventy-five years young, Kay White Miles continues to reflect upon the wonderful life she built with her husband, Dan Miles, Sr. (deceased), and her five children, Ellen, Jane, Mahlon, Dan, Jr., and Frank:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Kay White Miles upon her well-deserved nomination for the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Kathleen White Miles.

Offered by _____
Representative Cathy Jolly
District No. 45

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 806, adopted March 15, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

